

June 6, 2013

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2013 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Chim*, Deemer, DeWitt,
Martin, Robbins, and Chairperson Griffiths.

Absent: Commissioner Gobble.

Also Present: Deputy Community Development Director Cessna,
Senior Environmental Quality Officer Duncan,
Environmental Quality Officer Colclasure,
Environmental Quality Officer Travers, and
Environmental Quality Officer Oorts.

MOTION: Commissioner Robbins moved to grant Commissioner Gobble an excused absence for the June 6, 2013 Commission meeting. Commissioner Deemer seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

MOTION: Commissioner DeWitt moved to grant Commissioner Chim an excused tardy for the June 6, 2013 Commission meeting. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

*Commissioner Chim arrived at 7:50 p.m.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Deemer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Deemer, moved to accept and file the report of the secretary on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Gobble).

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6A. MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2013

MOTION: Commissioner DeWitt moved to approve the May 2, 2013 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Gobble).

7. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

7A. TEQECC WORK PLAN

Deputy Director Cessna introduced new Environmental Quality Officers Travers and Oorts.

She presented a prioritized list of focus areas for the proposed Commission Work Plan: Climate Action Planning and Beacon Award, Leaf Blower Regulation, Yard Sale Regulation, Regulation of Outdoor Smoking, Code Enforcement for Temporary Signs, and Beekeeping and Urban Farming. She noted that the Commission would also continue to hear issues that include oil wells, dog hearing appeals, and Environmental Fair planning. She stated that City Council would consider a Beacon Award resolution and any Work Plan changes on June 25, 2013.

7B. DISCUSSION - JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL – JUNE 11, 2013

Deputy Director Cessna presented the agenda, as well as a draft script and PowerPoint presentation, for the joint meeting with City Council scheduled for June 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. She requested that Commissioners make any changes to the script or PowerPoint, and assign topics to Commissioners for presentation.

Sherry Roberts, Wilton Place, in order to be more self-sufficient after she retires and have more control of what she eats, voiced her support for allowing bee and chicken keeping in the City

Emily Mattie, Lenore Street, Los Angeles Chicken Enthusiasts member, discussed her rewarding experience keeping chickens in North Carolina.

Commissioners were selected to present the Work Plan goals at the joint meeting as follows:

Climate Action Planning	Commissioner DeWitt
Beacon Award	Commissioner Chim
Leaf Blower Regulation	Commissioner Robbins
Yard Sale Regulation	Commissioner Martin
Regulation of Outdoor Smoking	Chairperson Griffiths
Temporary Sign Enforcement	Commissioner Deemer
Beekeeping and Urban Farming	Commissioner Gobble

Commissioners reviewed the PowerPoint and took turns reading the prepared scripts for each of their assigned topics. Commissioners and staff discussed each goal

and some of the suggestions for improvement included providing more details, visual graphics, benefits to the City, pros and cons, timelines, irresponsible use, economic impacts, what other cities are doing, current regulations and codes, and summary tables.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Commissioner Chim, seconded by Commissioner DeWitt, nominated Chairperson Griffiths for Chairperson for the next fiscal year. Chairperson Griffiths accepted the nomination and was elected Chairperson of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission on a unanimous roll call vote effective July 1, 2013 (absent Commissioner Gobble).

Chairperson Griffiths nominated Commissioner Gobble for Vice-Chairperson of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission effective July 1, 2013. Commissioner Robbins seconded the nomination; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Gobble).

9. ORAL COMMUNICATION

9A. The Commission welcomed Environmental Quality Officers Chris Travers and Leo Oorts who shared their backgrounds.

9B. Commissioner DeWitt stated that the new activity sports field behind City Hall will have artificial turf.

9C. In response to Chairperson Griffiths' inquiry, Deputy Director Cessna stated that the City Attorney's office is working on an ordinance for the Car2Go proposal.

9D. Chairperson Griffiths asked staff to provide information regarding the recycling of the City's green waste.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:38 p.m., Commissioner DeWitt moved to adjourn the meeting to June 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room for a joint meeting with City Council. Commissioner Chim seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Griffiths so ordered.

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Approved as amended August 1, 2013 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
